Purchase of items by patients at AIIMS

1681. SHRI R.K. ANAND: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that patients undergoing surgery treatment in AIIMS are being asked to purchase certain items from the market even though they are available with AIIMS;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken to ensure that poor patients are not asked to purchase any item for hospitalisation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (c) In AIIMS, New Delhi, patients attending emergency/casualty are provided with all surgical consumables including the items IV fluids, bandages, etc. No patients attending the casualty/emergency is asked to buy any surgical consumable items from the market. The patients admitted in the general wards are issued surgical items like injection, syringes and gauge, intravenous drips from the hospital. All essential surgical items are provided to the patients requiring emergency surgical treatment. In addition, high cost anti-biotics and nutrition supplements etc. are also procured and given to the poor indigent patients. Surgical consumable required for various elective surgical procedures including Joint replacement surgeries, cochlear implants etc., the patients are required to buy requisite surgical consumables themselves. For cardio-thoracic and neuro surgical procedures, AIIMS has a package system which includes the cost of surgical consumables used in surgical procedure. Patients who can not afford to buy medicines and surgical items are also helped through National Illness Assistance Fund and more like Prime Minister's Relief Fund, Health Minister's Discretionary Grant and other philanthropist organizations.

New hospitals in Punjab and Rajasthan

1682. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are planning to set up more new hospitals in the States of Rajasthan and Punjab during the next two or three years;